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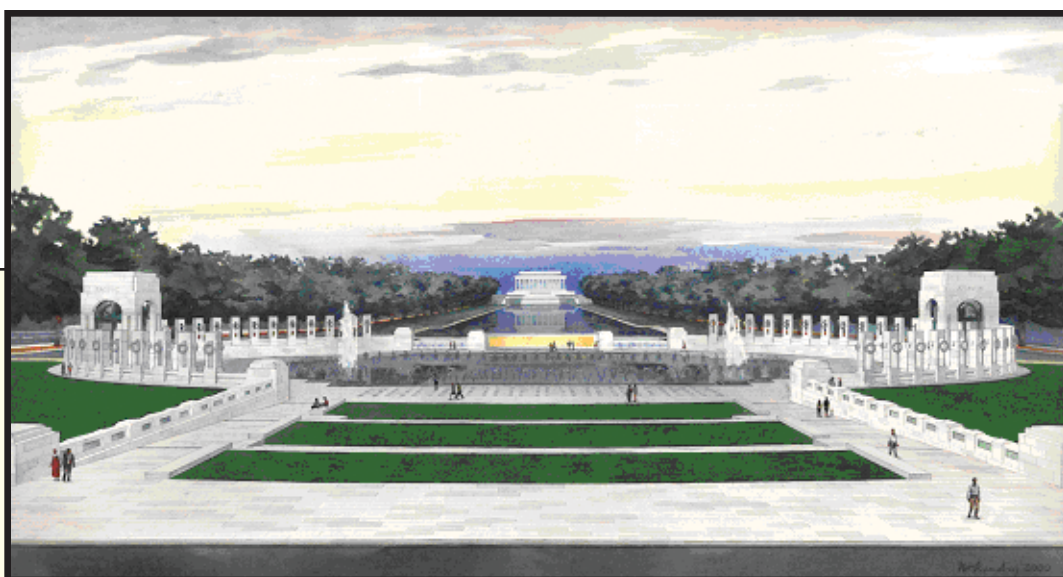
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Medical Center one of five sites...

To pay tribute to our WWII veterans

Nearly 59 years after the end of World War II, the National World War II Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C.

The World War II Memorial is the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during the Second World War. The memorial, established by the American Battle Monuments Commission, honors all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms. The memorial is between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, just east of the Reflecting Pool.

The memorial is funded primarily by private contributions. The memorial received more than \$195 million in cash and pledges. This total includes \$16 million provided by the federal government.

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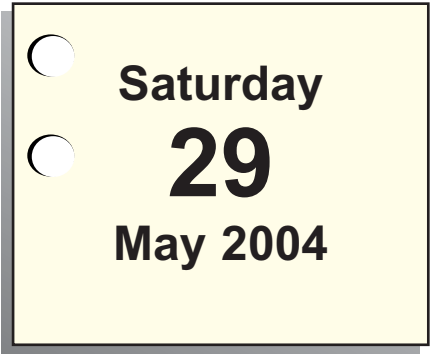


At the Medical Center on Saturday, a live television feed of the dedication will be shown in its entirety in the Matousek Auditorium. The telecast begins shortly after the service in the Medical Center chapel and runs until the end of the ceremony between 2-2:30 p.m. The Medical Center is the only VA in the nation to have this honor and is one of only five sites nationwide to host this historic event, and we are proud. All are welcome to attend any or all of the events.

Pictures of the audience in the Matousek Auditorium will be televised live during the dedication ceremony to tens-of-thousands gathered at the Mall in Washington, DC, watching on Jumbotron screens.

9 a.m. Memorial Service
Medical Center Chapel – Chaplain Norman Oswald

9:45 a.m. Live telecast
Matousek Auditorium



Coverage begins with images from the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. At 11 a.m. two hours of lively pre-ceremony entertainment will take attendees back to the wartime era through music, video images, newsreel clips and reminiscences of the time. Big band and swing music will be highlighted along with a patriotic finale. Musical groups from the armed forces will entertain.

All live coverage will be shown on closed circuit television (channel 95) within the Medical Center. The major television networks are also scheduled to cover the event.

10:30 a.m. First Day of Issue of World War II Memorial stamp
Matousek Auditorium

The WWII Memorial stamp will be unveiled by WWII veterans. First Day Issue postmarks will be available.

The National World War II Memorial stamp will be issued just prior to the Tribute to a Generation in Washington, DC., by the United States Postal Service. The 37-cent, self-adhesive WWII Memorial stamp will be available at post offices across the country. The stamp image itself is a depiction of the newly dedicated National World War II Memorial – 96.4 million stamps will be printed.

The ceremony in Matousek Auditorium will precede the stamp issuance on the Mall.



Noon Purple Heart Veteran Interview

An interview with a Purple Heart recipient will be held at the south entrance to the Medical Center. It will be broadcast to tens-of-thousands on the Mall in Washington, DC.

1 p.m. Tribute to a Generation
Memorial Dedication program begins
Matousek Auditorium

Refreshments provided through the generosity of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Soldiers Home Foundation and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary are sponsoring a flag retirement ceremony at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Lake Wheeler pavilion behind the Medical Center.

Those who cannot come to the event are encouraged to bring

their flags that are no longer serviceable to the VA police station through Friday. Of course those who can, are encouraged to bring their unusable flag(s) to the ceremony. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and members of the Young Marines will participate.



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